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Dear Jim,

Because you expressed surprise when I told you I had asked John Sparrow for the assurance that he was not parti pris through his long-standing intelligence connections and by virtue (?) of homosexuality, I note that his response of April 11 fails to make even pro forma denial of either.

And if you think my letters are entirely without result, then I tell you that following the writing of my last one to him, Dr. Bahmer retired as head of the National Archives.

He looks short of retirement age.

If you have forgotten it, I accused him of abandonment of all the precepts and principles of scholarship in becoming part of a propaganda campaign in the Saturday Evening Post and elsewhere and cited specific violations of regulations and scholarly practiseunder him.

The first night I was home and could keep my eyes open, I did read "A Heritage Of Stone". It more than warrants your high opinion of it and you may, without any reservation of any kind, be proud of it. It is an excellent piece of writing. However, I still believe your foreword to "Oswald In New Orleans" is its superior, for a number of reasons.

Perhaps my own character and attitudes enter into my comparative evaluation. "A Heritage Of Stone" ends in pessimism;"With Liberty And Justice For All" in a call to action - and it is part of a book that ends with the sighting of a "Shadow Of A Happy Ending".

De gustibus?

Each is the expression of a fine intellect, each a superb piece of writing. Each will endure.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg